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Guidelines for inter-state and inter-district transportation of dead body of a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19

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Scope of the document

These guidelinesare applicable for transportation of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 dead body across inter-state andinter-district borders by road/train/air/sea. This includes shifting of body from hospital to the vehicle and transportation by road to the point of funeral.

In case of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 death, it shall be encouraged that funeral be held in the same place where the death has occurred so as to minimize the risk of transmission. In case the funeral is to be held in another district or state, all precautions shall be taken during transportation of the dead body.

Packing of dead body at hospital/ mortuary

- Personnel attending to the dead body shall wear appropriate PPE (water resistant apron, goggles, N95 mask, gloves) and perform hand hygiene at the end of the procedure
- All tubes, drains and catheters on the dead body shall be removed and resulting punctured holes or wounds if any shall be disinfected with 1% sodium hypochlorite and dressed with impermeable material.
- Plug oral, nasal and other orifices of the dead body to prevent leakage of body fluids.
- The body shall be placed in a secured leak-proof plastic body bag, exterior of which shall be decontaminated using 1% sodium hypochlorite. Double packing shall be done to prevent leakage from the dead body.
- Autopsy / embalming on COVID-19 dead bodies shall be avoided.
- If autopsy is to be performed under special reasons, the team shall use full complement of PPE (coveralls, head cover, shoe cover, N 95 mask, goggles/ face shield) to perform the autopsy. Detailed guidelines from ICMR-GOI can be referred here:https://www.icmr.gov.in/pdf/COVID/techdoc/COVID19_AUTOPSY_GUIDELINES_2020_19052020.pdf

2. Transportation

- A designated vehicle/coach shall be provided for transportation of COVID positive/ COVID suspect dead body
- There shall be a provision of space in the vehicle to accommodate freezer fitted cabinet for the transportation of dead body

- Valid death certificate shall be carried during transportation of the dead body. In case of confirmed COVID positive, the laboratory report shall be produced with the death certificate.
- The driver and helper shall be educated on preventive measures for COVID-19 and shall wear appropriate PPE (N-95 mask) during transportation. There shall be air-tight partition between the driver and cabin where dead body is kept. Relatives or any person shall not be allowed to travel in the same cabin where dead body is kept. They shall travel in driver cabin or in a separate vehicle.
- Police personnel/ any authority shall wear appropriate PPE, if they want to inspect the dead body in the transported vehicle. Care shall be taken not to touch any surfaces inside the vehicle. They shall wear disposable shoe-covers if climbing inside the vehicle.
- After transfer of the dead body to cremation/burial the vehicle shall be disinfected with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution. Detailed guidelines can be referred in the below link:
  https://COVID19.karnataka.gov.in/storage/pdf-files/Guidelines%20for%20disinfection%20of%20vehicles%20Kan%20and%20Eng.pdf

3. **General Consideration**
   - If the family of the deceased wishes to view the body at the time of removal from the isolation room or area, they shall be allowed to do so with standard precautions (wearing complete PPE).
   - Hugging and touching the dead body is strictly prohibited.
   - In any circumstances, packed decontaminated dead body shall not be opened.
   - The family member shall take bath after reaching home and wash their cloth in soap and warm water after soaking in detergent for 30 minutes.
   - The ash doesn't pose any risk and can be collected to perform the last rites.
   - As per guidelines, not more than 20 people shall be allowed at the crematorium/burial ground and duly follow physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) , wear face mask and use hand sanitizer.

4. **Role of local health authority-receiving the dead body and supervising the final rites**
   - A Government official shall be nominated to supervise the transportation and final rites. If the dead body is transferred from other state to Karnataka, concerned district is intimated well in advance to coordinate the activities.
   - Death certificate along with relevant laboratory reportshall be produced to district health authorities by the concerned and take permission before proceeding to cross the interstate/ inter-district border.